

'the Father knows every heart and seeks out those who worship him in spirit and in truth' (John 4:23) Jesus could have chosen them, but he wanted to consult the Father what the best choices would be.

Answered Prayer:

Paul and Silas were cast into prison, with their feet in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.



And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. (Acts 16:23-26) Paul teaches, 'In everything give thanks' (1Thess.5:18) He had sufficient proof that thankfulness works.

As a young child of five or six I remember being taught that, 'God created us because he needed someone to love.' If he needed someone to love that shows that we need a relationship with Jesus like we have with our partner. If one partner only talks and talks without listening to what the other says, then we have a one-way relationship, which will not be fruitful or lasting. Communication is the key for any healthy relationship. You both need to be able to explain in turn while the other listens. The same should be with God. "Lord what do you think about this?" Don't just talk and leave. That's a Big Mistake! You need to stop and listen to what the Lord has to say.

"Well honestly, I am sorry, I don't hear anything." This is where you got it wrong, because he seldom speaks with an audible voice.

Jesus taught: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.; this is the first commandment. (Matthew 12:30)

If we love the Lord with all our heart and all our mind then he does not need to speak with an audible voice, but instead he can lay something on

our heart or put a thought in our mind; he can remind us of something that has crossed our mind earlier, or we remember a part of a scripture. **He will try to communicate with us, if we stop long enough to wait.** And then, we have to **write it down** with a pen and paper, otherwise we forget it and then we get confused. 'What was that thought again? Oh no, I forgot.'



After Jesus has spoken, then who comes? Yes, you got it; the doubts start flooding in and all that the Lord has told us goes out the window and we have wasted both God's and our time. All our effort is wasted and it shows that we really don't value what the Lord tells us, seeing we did not even take the trouble to write it down. The Lord gives the Holy Spirit to the obedient ones (Acts 5:32)

Paul says we should run the race. So, when the Lord tells you something; write it down and put it into practice. When Jesus calls us to do something; we don't try to obey. No, he expects us obey. When God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham and Isaac were on their way the next morning.(Gen.22:1-3)



Jesus didn't say, 'try to love each other.' Totally not. He said 'a new commandment I give unto you that you love one another.' (John 13:34) In other words he said 'I am not asking this of you, I am commanding you to do it.' When he said 'Go ye in to all the world.' He did not say, 'try to go.' No, you go. All the world, can be your neighbouring towns, but 'Go'.

That is if we want to follow Jesus. He did not go part of the way and jump the fence in the Garden of Gethsemani. No, he went all the way. He was the son of God, but he was also 100 percent human, as he constantly referred to himself as the Son of man. Just like you and I are each sons or daughters of man, so we really have no excuse.

We are God's selfie. We are made in his image and likeness. God is not far away; he is in us.



He is the Cosmic Energy of E=mc² that holds all mass, including our body mass, together. Seeing that the Father holds us together, he knows all our secrets so we cannot hide anything from him. 'But you, when you pray, go into your quiet room and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father in secret; and he shall reward you openly' Open reward is to see your prayer answered.

When you pray, don't keep being repetitive, because '**he already knows what we need before we ask him.**' (Mat.6:8)



Then I've often heard the excuse, "Oh, the Devil was really fighting me." What's wrong here? The devil can do nothing, nada, niente, nichts, unless we open the door and invite him in, to discuss our problems. That is such a doomed timewaster as he was already



defeated two millennia ago when Jesus gave his life on the cross and he said, 'It is finished.' At that time Satan was finished and the heavenly court stripped him of his power over those, whose slate Jesus wiped clean. It says, that Satan accuses us before God, day and night (Rev.12:10) but he can only do so if he has legal ground to stand on. He completely lost that legal privilege over those who believe that Jesus nullified Satan's legal authority by 'Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances (*legal declarations*) against us, and took it out of the way (*rendering them useless*), nailing it to his cross' (Col.2:14)

This verdict can never be reversed as it was signed and ratified with the blood of Jesus.

This made Jesus the absolute final legal authority. 'As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons/daughters of God, even to them that believe on his name' (John 1:12)

Although he gave us the power to become a child of God and with it, legal authority over Satan, yet many of us don't access that power and keep on living as if nothing has changed; still fighting the Devil and begging God in prayer, instead of implementing our role of legal agents to enforce the written court verdict, by the authority invested in us.

A female associate had rented out her house. After a few years the person had stopped paying rent, but refused to move out.

This became a court case; after 15 years the court ruled that the person had to vacate, but nothing happened until enforcement agents came, and the person was evacuated, under threat of police action.



We don't need to fight the devil, we are legal agents of law enforcement. We have the police, 'the angels that excel in strength at our command' (Ps.103:20) to enforce the court's verdict, knowing that 'whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven.' (Mat 18:18).

When Jesus was tempted by Satan, he answered him three times with 'It is written' (Matthew 4).

If it is written it is legally binding. Here Satan has no power as nobody can overrule God's word.

Yet, some highbrow theologians overrule what Jesus said, by their confusing interpretations. (2Peter 1:20) That's why it's so important to memorize the word and quote these when we pray, to remind the Lord and ourselves of our legal rights and standing.

'Until now **you've asked nothing** in my name: ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.' (Jn 16:24) 'I give unto you power over all the power of the enemy: and nothing can hurt you.' (Luke 10:19) 'Be not afraid of all their multitude: for **there are more with us** than are with them: (2Chron.32:7)

Our words are real energy and we underestimate what things we set into motion with our words.

'**Death and Life** are in the power of the tongue:' (Prov.18:21)

Death are the negative utterings, 'Let me see, if we get lucky then I might believe.'

Life are the positive declarations of 'I believe it and I know that I will get to see it.'

'He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;' (Rom.4:20)

'Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us to be **partakers of the inheritance**' (Col.1:12)

The following are binding promises of what our Father legally assigned to us in his 'Testament':

YOU CANNOT BE DISOWNED	2Corinthians 6:18
YOU HAVE DECENT CLOTHING	Matthew 6:28-30
LEGAL EVIDENCE OF HIS PROMISES	Hebrew 11:1
YOUR DAILY FOOD IS SUPPLIED	Matthew 6 :31,32
WHEN YOU'RE SICK, HE HEALS	Isaiah 53:5
HE WON'T LIE TO HIS CHILDREN	Numbers 23:19
YOU'VE GOT HOUSING	Prov.14:26; Isa.4:6
YOU'VE GOT PROTECTION	Psalms 91:5,7
ALL YOUR NEEDS ARE SUPPLIED	Philippians 4:19
AMAZING THINGS AWAIT	1Corinthians 2:9
JESUS STRENGTHENS IN ALL THINGS	Philippians 4:13
YOUR INHERITANCE IS AMAZING	Revelation 21:7

In Conclusion:

E.W. Keyon said, "**You are an heir at the table, and not looking for crumbs underneath it.**"

Imagine this; you've cooked a nice meal, and set a lovely table, but when all start eating some persons get down and eat what fell on the floor. How madly embarrassing is that? But that is exactly what we do when we beg in prayer and the devil laughs his head off. But he's gone, when you with dignified boldness remind the Lord with your words of what he wrote and **allocated** for you in his words.

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What kind of PRAYER is a waste of Time?



For many people prayer is a one-way conversation. You tell God what you need and hope against hope that something might possibly happen.

Some people think that Jesus is an ATM; stick your prayer card along with your tithe in the machine and hopefully can pull out a lot more cash.

For other people, he is a matchmaker; please find us a husband for our daughter and/or a good wife for our son who can give us grandsons.

Others of us use God as a disposable, "Lord if you heal me then I will serve you." Then when healed, "Sorry, I shouldn't have said about serving you, I just bought some land and married a wife." (Luke 14:18-20) Some of us get all jazzed up and 'spirit filled' and we yell loudly, thinking that God is deaf.

We can also talk to him, but then we don't wait to see if the Lord has anything to say. And we instantly go right about our business; cooking breakfast, or we run out the door to be on time for work.

Prayer is very personal and there is no set pattern how to pray. It says that Jesus prayed all night before he chose his 12 apostles from his disciples. Obviously, it was a two-way conversation with the Father during which the twelve were selected, as